

Past Simple or Past Perfect Tense

1. When we arrived at the stadium, the game _____ (**already, start**).
2. All the tickets _____ (**be**) sold out a month before the concert took place.
3. The team went to the locker room after they _____ (**finish**) the game.
4. Dad asked me why I _____ (**not feed**) the dog.
5. Sam played video games after he _____ (**have**) dinner.
6. The sun finally _____ (**shine**) yesterday after it _____ (**rain**) for many days.
7. Uncle Bob _____ (**go**) to the doctor only after he _____ (**be**) sick for two weeks.
8. Kathy _____ (**give**) me her number before she left.
9. Dad once _____ (**try**) to fix the wiring in the house although he _____ (**never, learn**) it before.
10. I _____ (**not tell**) my teacher that my sister _____ (**help**) me with my homework.
11. I _____ (**be**) very upset when I _____ (**see**) that my sister _____ (**use**) my perfume.
12. The phone _____ (**be**) much more expensive than he _____ (**think**) at first.
13. Oliver's mother _____ (**drive**) me home after I _____ (**fall**) into the pond.
14. Lenny _____ (**not admit**) that he _____ (**take**) his father's credit card.
15. When we reached the station we saw that our train _____ (**just, leave**).
16. Sofia _____ (**feel**) relieved after _____ (**learn**) that she _____ (**pass**) all of the exams.

17. It _____ (**be**) Sarah who _____ (**clean**) the classroom.
18. John _____ (**feel**) sorry that he _____ (**not be**) nicer to his mother.
19. I _____ (**be**) sure that I _____ (**see**) him before.
20. Because she _____ (**not check**) the oil for so long, the car _____ (**break**) down.
21. Victor couldn't find the DVD that I _____ (**lend**) him.
22. I asked Mrs. Bunks how many times she _____ (**be**) to China.
23. I couldn't remember where I _____ (**hide**) the money.
24. Before the police _____ (**catch**) the burglar, he _____ (**break**) into two more houses.
25. The seminar _____ (**already, begin**) when I _____ (**come in**).
26. When I _____ (**come**) home I found out that I _____ (**lose**) my keys.
27. She told me that she _____ (**work**) in Cannes a few years ago.
28. After I _____ (**finish**) the report, I _____ (**realize**) that it _____ (**be**) already 2 a.m.
29. We _____ (**eat**) two huge pizzas before we _____ (**go**) to the cinema.
30. Victoria _____ (**ask**) me about what _____ (**happen**) to my father last week.

Answers:

1. When we arrived at the stadium, the game had already started.
2. All the tickets had been sold out a month before the concert took place.
3. The team went to the locker room after they had finished the game.
4. Dad asked me why I hadn't fed the dog.
5. Sam played video games after he had had dinner.
6. The sun finally shone yesterday after it had rained for many days.
7. Uncle Bob went to the doctor only after he had been sick for two weeks.
8. Kathy had given me her number before she left.
9. Dad once tried to fix the wiring in the house although he had never learned it before.
10. I didn't tell my teacher that my sister had helped me with my homework.
11. I was very upset when I saw that my sister had used my perfume.
12. The phone was much more expensive than he had thought at first.
13. Oliver's mother drove me home after I had fallen into the pond.
14. Lenny did not admit that he had taken his father's credit card.
15. When we reached the station we saw that our train had just left.
16. Sofia felt relieved after she learned that she had passed all of the exams.
17. It was Sarah who had cleaned the classroom.
18. John felt sorry that he hadn't been nicer to his mother.
19. I was sure that I had seen him before.
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30. Victoria asked me about what had happened to my father last week.